

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	April 10, 2013
BOARD MEETING	April 30, 2013
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Approval to expend funds to host a Client Congress Forum on June 28, 2013, for the purpose of addressing empowerment and advocacy issues related to mental illness.
PROGRAM	N/A
DEADLINES	N/A
COST & FUNDING	The estimated cost for Client Congress Forum is \$43,627, fully funded by State MHSA revenue and is included in DMH's FY 2012-13 Final Adopted Budget. The \$43,627 budget for the Forum includes an Agreement with the Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership for space and catering, at an estimated cost of \$17,900. The final cost will be determined by the actual number of participants, which is expected to range up to 600.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to expend funds to host the Client Congress Forum (Forum) at an estimated cost of \$43,627, fully funded by State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue; and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership for space and catering, at an estimated cost of \$17,900.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>The Client Congress of the County of Los Angeles DMH, which will host the Forum, is an association composed of groups and individuals dedicated to promoting social inclusion. Through collective advocacy efforts, people receiving public mental health services, and those who support them, can make a positive contribution to their communities and impact the negative stereotypes that surround people with mental illness.</p> <p>The Forum will bring together people from all parts of the county, including from the Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander communities, as well as from the deaf, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT), and other communities that have been traditionally underserved.</p>
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